

Prairie City Ranch Loop

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■ 1-2 hours ■ 14.3 miles ■ Easiest

■ Access to trailhead: Ride begins at City Hall in Prairie City.

■ Nearest Food/Water Source: Prairie City.

■ Surfaces Encountered: Pavement and gravel.

■ **Comments:** This very easy ride provides a good look at the Upper John Day River Valley. Among the highlights passed are several working cattle ranches and two bed & breakfast establishments. The Strawberry Mountain Wilderness rises to the south, offering good photo opportunities.

■ **USGS Maps:** Prairie City, Isham Creek.

■ **USFS Maps:** Prairie City Fire/District.

Mileage Log:

- 0.0-From the Prairie City park and city hall, turn right and head east on Highway 26 (a segment of Bikecentennial's TransAmerica Bicycle Trail).
1.9-Turn right onto County Road 61.
3.2-Pavement ends; high-grade gravel begins.
4.0-Gravel ends; pavement resumes.
4.7-Pavement ends once again; good gravel resumes.
5.7-Pavement resumes.
5.9-Pavement ends; good gravel resumes.
- 7.0-Curve right.
7.3-Pavement resumes.
7.4-Cross bridge, then ride past Riverside Bed & Breakfast.
7.8-Turn right at stop sign onto County Road 62.
11.8-Curve right, then left in 1/4 mile.
13.6-Prairie City city limits.
14.0-Veer right then cross bridge.
14.3-Return to beginning point.

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